

# Faribault Energy Park, LLC

April 7, 2004

Mr. Bill Storm  
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
300 Centennial Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155



**Re: Faribault Energy Park, LLC  
MEQB Docket No. 02-48-PPS-FEP**

Dear Mr. Storm:

The following are the Reply Comments of Faribault Energy Park, LLC (FEP) to the Comments on the Draft EIS of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the FEP Site Permit docket.

## **Response to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Comment to Faribault Energy Park Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

### ***Water Appropriation***

The applicant has had communication with MDNR permit staff regarding permit requirements and is prepared to submit a groundwater withdrawal permit. The maximum requirements for cooling water for the facility were based upon empirical meteorologic data on climatologic information on temperature and humidity for the geographic area. Based upon those data, withdrawal would be 1.95 million gallons per day (mgd), based upon 24-hours of operation. Use of this amount of water would be highly unlikely, as the facility would likely be cycled and water resource use requirements would be based upon a 16-hour per day cycle.

In accordance with statutory and permit application requirements, the applicant is preparing modeling to predict the effect of anticipated withdrawals on the closest water resource users.

### ***Wastewater***

The applicant anticipates process wastewater will be directed to a created wetlands on the site, provided the preferred site is selected.

### ***Sanitary Waste***

If the City of Faribault extends sanitary service to the area, the applicant would consider this the preferred method of sanitary effluent management. As this is not currently an option, management of sanitary effluent is anticipated to be in a septic system under applicable permit.

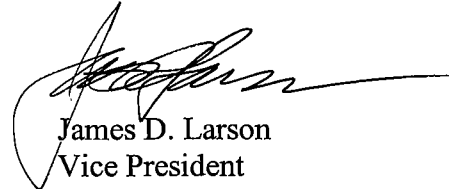
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**Faribault Energy Park, LLC**

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James D. Larson  
Vice President